Platform Bridge near Mulakulam Temple.

82. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the wooden platform bridge on the northern side of the Mulakulam temple is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and that accidents to animals and human beings commonly occur in consequence?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Attara Bridge on Vaikam-Vechur Road.

83. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the Attara bridge on the Vaikam-Vechur road is in a dangerous condition and needs immediate repair?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to direct the repair of this bridge at an early date?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is a provision of Rs. 1,000 for this work in the P. W. D. budget for 1099. The Chief Engineer will be asked to expedite the work.

Tuberculosis at Vaikam.

84. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any report has been received by them from the Medical Officer at Vaikam or the local Municipality that tuberculosis is steadily on the increase in the town of Vaikam, and if so, whether any enquiry has been made in the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Drainage System in Vaikam Town.

85. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the necessity of making improvements in the drainage system of the town of Vaikam?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Chief Engineer has been asked to take the necessary action in the matter.

Admission of Pulayas in Vechur and Manjur Primary Schools.

86. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that Pulayas are not given admission to the Vechur and Manjur Primary Schools;

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[Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai.]

(*b*) whether there is any objection to grant them admission to these schools, and, if so, what the nature of the objection is;

(*c*) whether they are aware that there are a large number of Pulaya children seeking admission to these schools, and that there are no other schools anywhere near where they could gain admission;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint from Pulayas against their exclusion from these schools, and if so, whether any enquiry will be made into those complaints; and

(*e*) whether they will remove the above schools to more convenient sites, if they are inaccessible to all classes at present?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Pulayas are not given admission to the Vechur Primary school, while the Manjur Primary school has been declared open to pupils of all classes.

(*b*) The objection to admit pupils to the Vechur school is due to its proximity to a temple.

(*c*) The Director reports that there are three primary schools in the Vechur pakuthi open to all classes.

(*d*) Petitions have been received and they have been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for necessary action.

(*e*) The question of removing the Vechur school to an unobjectionable locality will be considered.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, Police Inspector, Quilon, versus Editor, Kerala Chandrika.

87. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of a criminal case of defamation filed by the Quilon Police Inspector, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, against the Editor of the "Kerala Chandrika";

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector is still allowed to be at Quilon, where the case is going on, in spite of the accused's petitioning for his transfer to some other place while the case is pending; and

(*c*) whether the prosecution in this case is conducted at Government cost?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have agreed to recoup the expenses of the Inspector in the event of the prosecution being successful.

Rule 52 of the Registration Rules.

88. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that Rule 52 of the Rules passed under Section 64 of the Registration Regulation is working great hardship in practice?

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